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From: [Citizen Name/Ex. 6]
Sent: Sat 8/8/2015 12:07:57 AM
Subject: Need drinking water for our house now!

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Libby,

I can imagine you are getting plenty of emails, so I made my subject line something that will get your attention, I hope. Thanks for being there for us to reach out to.

I live along the Animas 4.5 miles from the New Mexico border on about 4 acres. Our water for the house and for irrigation comes directly from the Animas. We have two pumps, the smaller of which pumps out of the river using a submersible pump in a trench that is covered with gravel and river cobble. It flows into a cistern and then through a treatment system (filtration, UV light, and softening, for the majority of the water and then a small Reverse Osmosis unit as the last stage for a drinking water tap). The second, larger centrifugal pump for irrigation pumps directly to irrigation lines. We are in the beginning stages of starting an organic farm and so need clean water for that. We moved here recently from Boulder where we had been farming for the last 14 years.

We have enough bottled water to last for several days for drinking. The cistern has about 1000 gallons of water that we are using very judiciously and we filled every container we had for flushing. We need a short term plan for refilling the cistern and then a longer term plan for the water for the house. We need to understand what the EPA will do to help ag producers with their irrigation water. We can't very well irrigate our veggie crops with contaminated water.

Can you please have us put on a priority list for help with drinking water? And any other lists for ag producers. If we need to work with someone else, please provide the contact info.

Thanks.

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I have copied my neighbor who has a well for the house water and centrifugal pump for irrigation so that they can send their information to get on your lists also. I have another neighbor who has the same house water system as I. As soon as I get their email address I will send them this email so they can forward you their information.